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**By ECF**

The Honorable Brian M. Cogan  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *United States v. Howard E. Leventhal*  
Case No. 13-CR-695 (BMC)

Dear Judge Cogan:

I write to modify my previous request for the scheduling of a status conference as set forth below.

As I wrote in my previous letter ([ecf# 95](#)), since he was detained on September 12, 2015, Mr. Leventhal has filed a number of *pro se* written requests with the Court. One such filing ([see ecf# 92](#)) contains an allegation that raises an attorney/client conflict that I am duty bound to bring to the Court's attention. I believe that it is one that Your Honor will be inclined to resolve before proceeding further.

I have discussed this request with the attorney for the government, Winston Paes, and he advised me he does not object to scheduling a status conference. Both counsel are available on January 21, 2016, and it is my understanding that the Court can accommodate the parties on that date as well since a sentence hearing is currently scheduled for that date.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the sentence hearing be converted to a status conference so that the Court can address the issues in whatever manner it deems appropriate.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Steve Zissou